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33020.16 Protective Vests

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Protective Vests are California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) approved items of safety equipment designed and manufactured to resist penetration of bullets, inmate/ward manufactured knives, ice picks and other sharp objects. Protective vest types include Ballistic Vests, Combination Vests, and Stab Resistant Vests. The individual level and type of protection offered by these protective vests is dependent upon the individual vest characteristics.

For CDCR peace officer employees, the ability to wear a protective vest is an essential function of the job regardless of the regular wear expectations of their individual post or duty assignment. Each CDCR peace officer might at any time be assigned to a post or be required to participate in a specific operation wherein vest wear is mandatory.

33020.16.1 Definitions

Ballistic Vest: A Ballistic Vest is designed to cover specific portions of the wearer's body to resist penetration by a bullet.

Combination Vest: A Combination Vest is designed to cover specific portions of the wearer's body to resist penetration by inmate manufactured knives, ice picks, other sharp objects and bullets.

Cover: A vest cover is the holder for the vest panel. The cover shall be appropriately sized to maintain the position of the panel upon the wearer's body as designed by the manufacturer.

CDCR owned vest and/or cover: A CDCR owned vest and/or cover is purchased by the CDCR and is State property. Each CDCR owned vest and/or cover shall be maintained by the employee to whom they are issued in accordance with CDCR mandates. The vest and/or cover shall stay under the control of the issued employee until the vest and/or cover is replaced with another CDCR owned vest and/or cover, or the employee purchases a personally owned vest and/or cover, or the employee separates from the CDCR, or the employee transfers to another CDCR division/unit that requires a different type of vest and/or cover than the employee was issued, or where vest wear is not mandatory as described in this section.

Personally owned vests and/or covers: A personally owned vest and/or cover is a vest and/or cover that an authorized employee (as noted in this section) chooses to purchase and maintain at his/her own expense. A personally owned vest and/or cover must meet or exceed the requirements of the specific vest type. Personally owned vest covers that are used with CDCR owned vest panels must be specifically designed to fit the specific CDCR owned vest panel.

It is the responsibility of each employee that purchases a personally owned vest/cover to notify the Vest Control Person (VCP) prior to wearing the vest/cover to work so that inventory control measures can be initiated. The employee shall also provide that vest/cover to the VCP annually for inspection at the time and date established by the VCP.

Stab Resistant Vest: A Stab Resistant Vest is designed to cover specific portions of the wearer's body to resist penetration by inmate manufactured knives, ice picks, and other sharp objects.

Standby Vest Pool: Each institution/division/facility/unit shall maintain a Standby Vest Pool. The Standby Vest Pool shall contain sufficient vest and cover types, amounts and sizes, at the discretion of each Warden/Superintendent/Division Head, to supply to personnel who are temporarily required to wear a vest as described in this section. Standby Vest Pool vests will be issued to:

- Employees who are required to wear a vest but have not been permanently issued a vest. If such an employee works full time in a unit wherein vest wear is mandatory (as defined in this policy),

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the Warden/Superintendent/Division Head may elect to issue a vest from the Standby Pool to that employee for the duration of their assignment in the unit.

- Employees who do not have their permanently issued vest with them when they report for duty.
- Employees/official visitors that enter Special Housing Units, as described in this policy.

Correctional Training Center or Juvenile Justice Training Center employees and cadets that use Standby Pool Vests shall wear these vests under the outer uniform shirt/jumpsuit.

Vest Control Person: The institutional/facility/division/unit VCP shall manage and maintain, under the responsibility of the respective Warden/Superintendent/Division Head, the institution/division/unit inventory of CDCR and personally owned vests and/or covers. It will be the responsibility of each institutional/facility/division/unit VCP to coordinate their needs with the CDCR VCP. The CDCR VCP shall have overall responsibility for managing the departmental vest inventory.

Vest panel: A vest panel is the protective material held by the vest cover.

33020.16.2 Wear Authorizations and Requirements

Ballistic Vest:

Wear Authorizations:

The Ballistic Vest is authorized for wear by the following employees:

- Office of Correctional Safety
- Office of Internal Affairs
- Division of Adult Parole Operations and Division of Youth Parole Operations agents

Wear Requirements:

- The Ballistic Vest shall be worn only in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer and the CDCR.
- For normal wear, the Ballistic Vest shall be worn concealed under the outer uniform shirt, blouse/shirt, or jumpsuit for the duration of the shift unless otherwise provided for in this section.
- Once a CDCR owned Ballistic Vest has been issued to an employee, wear of the vest is mandatory while that employee is on duty unless otherwise approved for by the appropriate Chief Deputy Secretary/Assistant Secretary.
- Outer wear of the Ballistic Vest is authorized only with the use of a CDCR approved outerwear cover (e.g. tactical or raid vest) and when there is an identified operational need to do so.
- If an employee chooses to purchase a personally owned Ballistic Vest and/or cover, the wear requirements are the same as those pertaining to a CDCR owned vest.

Combination Vest

Wear authorizations:

The Combination Vest is authorized for wear by the following employees:

- Community Correctional Facility (CCF)/Modified Community Correctional Facility (MCCF) peace officers who have transportation responsibilities.
- Juvenile Justice Conservation Camp peace officers who have transportation responsibilities.
- Crisis Response Team (CRT) members or Juvenile Justice Tactical Team members.
- Adult Operations Transportation Unit and Juvenile Justice Transportation Unit Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captain.
- Adult Operations or Juvenile Justice institutional/facility transportation team Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, or other CDCR peace officers.

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- Adult Operations, Institutional Investigative Services Unit Correctional Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants, and Juvenile Justice, Disciplinary Decision Making System Lieutenants.
- Medical Guarding Unit/hospital coverage Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants.
- Office of Substance Abuse Programs agents.

Wear Requirements:

- The Combination Vest shall be worn only in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer and the CDCR.
- For normal wear, the Combination Vest shall be worn concealed under the outer uniform shirt, blouse/shirt, or jumpsuit for the duration of the shift unless otherwise provided for in this section.
- Outer wear of the Combination Vest is authorized only with the use of a CDCR approved outer wear cover (e.g. tactical or raid vest) and when there is an identified operational need to do so.
- Once a CDCR owned Combination Vest has been issued to an employee, wear of the vest is mandatory while that employee is on duty unless otherwise approved for by the appropriate Chief Deputy Secretary/Assistant Secretary.
- If an employee chooses to purchase a personally owned Combination Vest and/or Cover, the wear requirements are the same as those pertaining to a CDCR owned vest.

Stab Resistant Vest

Wear authorizations:

The Stab Resistant Vest is authorized for wear by the following employees:

- All institutional/facility Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Correctional Counselors, Youth Correctional Counselors, Senior Youth Correctional Counselors, Medical Technical Assistants, Sergeants, and Lieutenants.
- Other employees as mandated in the Stab Resistant Vest Wear Requirements section.
- Any employee who chooses to purchase a personally owned Stab Resistant Vest/Cover.

Wear Requirements:

- The Stab Resistant Vest shall be worn only in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer and the CDCR.
- For normal wear, the Stab Resistant Vest shall be worn concealed under the outer uniform shirt, blouse/shirt, or jumpsuit for the duration of the shift unless otherwise provided for in this section.
- Once a CDCR owned Stab Resistant Vest has been issued wear of the vest is mandatory while that employee is on duty unless provided for in this section.
- If an employee chooses to purchase a personally owned Stab Resistant Vest and/or Cover, the wear requirements are the same as those pertaining to a CDCR owned Stab Resistant Vest.
- Correctional Training Center or Juvenile Justice Training Center Stab Resistant Vests shall be worn concealed under the outer uniform shirt, shirt/blouse, or jumpsuit.

Special Units

The following requirements for wear of a Stab Resistant Vest in designated special units shall be complied with:

All CDCR employees, regardless of personnel classification, entering a Security Housing Unit (SHU), Special Management Program (SMP), Administrative Segregation Unit (ASU), Temporary Detention Unit (TDU), Condemned Housing Unit, Psychiatric Services Unit (PSU), Special Behavioral Treatment Program (SBTP), shall wear a Stab Resistant Vest when the employee is:

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- In direct contact of inmates/wards/patients within the aforementioned units (unrestrained or restrained).
- Escorting inmates/wards/patients housed within the aforementioned units anywhere on institution grounds.
- On the aforementioned unit tiers.

Stab Resistant Vest wear requirements shall extend to all official visitors (including but not limited to contractors, religious advisors, outside law enforcement personnel, legal representatives, etc.) of each unit as described in this section.

Stab Resistant Vests temporarily issued from a unit/institution/facility/division Special Unit Standby Vest Pool are approved for outer wear.

Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Correctional Counselors, Youth Correctional Counselors, Senior Youth Correctional Counselors, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Medical Technical Assistants, Senior Medical Technical Assistants, or Supervising Medical Technical Assistants entering a unit such as a Correctional Treatment Center (CTC), Outpatient Housing Unit (OHU) General Acute Care Hospital (GACH), Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), or any Department of Mental Health (DMH) Unit/Facility, shall wear a Stab Resistant Vest when the employee is:

- In direct contact with inmates/wards/patients within the aforementioned units (unrestrained or restrained).
- Escorting inmates/wards/patients housed within the aforementioned units anywhere on institution grounds.
- On the aforementioned unit tiers.

All other staff entering a unit such as a CTC, OHU, GACH, ICF, or any DMH Unit/Facility, shall have the option to wear a Stab Resistant Vest (obtained from the Standby Pool or from the respective VCP) when the employee is:

- In direct contact with inmates/wards/patients within the aforementioned units (unrestrained or restrained).
- Escorting inmates/wards/patients housed within the aforementioned units anywhere on institution grounds.
- On the aforementioned unit tiers.

General Information

Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Counselors, Senior Youth Correctional Counselors, Sergeants, and Lieutenants assigned to Juvenile Justice facilities in areas other than described in the above Stab Resistant Vest, Wear Requirements section, and Adult or Juvenile Justice Conservation Camps shall wear Stab Resistant Vests while on duty, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Deputy Secretary, Adult Operations/Chief Deputy Secretary, Juvenile Justice. Stab Resistant Vests shall be worn if the aforementioned Correctional Officer, Youth Correctional Officer, Youth Correctional Counselor, Senior Youth Correctional Counselor, Sergeant, or Lieutenant enters an Adult Operations male institution secure perimeter during the course of the performance of their duties, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Deputy Secretary, Adult Operations/Chief Deputy Secretary, Juvenile Justice.

Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Officers, Youth Correctional Counselors, Senior Youth Correctional Counselors, Sergeants, and Lieutenants who work in Adult Operations or Juvenile Justice female institutions/facilities in areas other than described in the above Stab Resistant Vest, Wear Requirements section, shall be issued a vest unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Deputy Secretary,

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Adult Operations/Chief Deputy Secretary, Juvenile Justice and as specified in the respective DOM Supplement as described in DOM Section 33020.16.6.

Committee members in any SHU, SMP, ASU, TDU, PSU, SBTP, Inter Disciplinary Treatment Team, Youth Authority Administrative Committee (YACC), CTC or OHU shall wear a Stab Resistant Vest unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Deputy Secretary, Adult Operations/Chief Deputy Secretary, Juvenile Justice and as specified in the respective DOM Supplement as described in DOM Section 33020.16.6.

It is the intent of the CDCR, based upon available funding, to provide the appropriate vest to designated peace officer employees upon, or as soon as possible, after their graduation from their academy.

Supervisors have the authority to verify that an employee is wearing his/her vest in accordance with the mandates of this policy.

Refusal to wear a vest: As vest wear is an essential function of the job for CDCR peace officer personnel and mandated for all employees in specific units as identified in this policy, any employee, who has been issued, either permanently or temporarily, a protective vest and then refuses to wear the vest in accordance with CDCR mandates, shall be subject to progressive disciplinary action.

Non-possession of issued vest: In the event that an employee who has been issued a vest, or is mandated to wear a vest, is not in possession of his/her vest when reporting for duty, the following shall occur:

- If a Standby Pool Vest is available, a vest may be temporarily issued to the employee for the duration of that employee's shift. In the event the employee's vest has been lost or stolen, this might require the assignment of a Pool Vest to that employee.
- If the employee does not report to work with his/her vest, the employee may be sent home to retrieve the vest on his/her own time prior to being allowed to report for work. This decision shall be made at the discretion of the Warden/Superintendent/Division Head, or their designee.
- Progressive disciplinary action shall be initiated.

When a protective vest has been issued to an employee but is not being worn (e.g. off duty or on-duty periods wherein wear is not mandated), the vest shall be stored in locations that prevent inmate/ward/parolee access. The storage area should be climate controlled, not be subject to extreme high or low temperatures or excessive humidity, and should allow for vest storage in accordance with the manufacturer's wear and care recommendations. Care must be taken to prevent the vest from being stolen while off duty.

33020.16.3 Procurement

The CDCR VCP shall be responsible for coordinating the purchasing and scheduling for sizing dates of CDCR protective vests from vendors identified by approved contracts.

Institutions/divisions/facilities/units shall ensure that an appropriate quantity and size selection is available for their Standby Pool. The CDCR VCP shall adhere to policy and procedure governing the purchase/procurement of equipment.

As protective vests are received by the institution/division/facility/unit from the manufacturer, the required inventory processes will be accomplished as quickly as possible to facilitate expedient availability of the protective vest to the end user.

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33020.16.4 Accountability and Replacement

The procedures for accountability and replacement of CDCR and personally owned protective vests are as follows:

Accountability

Each Warden/Superintendent/Division Head shall appoint a VCP who shall receive, inventory, and manage the institution's/division's/facility's/unit's protective vests program. The VCP shall provide monthly CDCR vest inventory reports (including specific information related to inventory discrepancies) directly to the Chief Deputy Warden/Division Head/Chief of Security, who is responsible for the accountability of the institution's/division's/facility's/unit's protective vests.

The VCP shall maintain an ongoing inventory of all CDCR and personally owned vests in his/her area of responsibility via the CDCR approved vest inventory tracking program. The institution/division/facility/unit VCP shall submit a quarterly inventory report to the CDCR VCP. The institution/division/facility/unit head shall ensure the accuracy of this report.

The CDCR Form 2155, CDCR Personal Protective Vest Issuance Acknowledgement Form, shall be used to facilitate protective vest inspection. The institution/division/facility/unit VCP shall maintain the CDCR 2155 for the duration of use of each vest.

Each CDCR owned vest/cover shall be documented on the CDCR 2155.

Personally owned vests and/or covers must be presented by the employee to the VCP prior to use and then annually thereafter for review. The VCP shall inspect the personally owned vest and/or cover to ensure that it complies with CDCR requirements. The VCP shall then input the personally owned vest and/or cover into their inventory. Any employee who chooses to wear a personally owned vest and/or cover must surrender any CDCR owned vest and/or cover in their possession to the VCP.

The institution/division/facility/unit VCP shall annually verify the inventory and wearability of each CDCR or personally owned vests and/or covers in their area of responsibility. This will require a physical inspection of each protective vest/cover. The CDCR Form 2154, CDCR Protective Vest Inspection Form shall be used to facilitate protective vest inspection. The institution/division/facility/unit VCP shall maintain the CDCR 2154 for the duration of use of each vest.

If the VCP determines a CDCR owned vest and/or cover used by an employee is not serviceable, the VCP shall inform the employee he/she is no longer authorized to wear the non-serviceable vest/cover. The VCP shall issue the employee a CDCR owned pool vest and/or cover(s). The VCP shall note this fact on the CDCR 2155 and provide the employee with a signed copy of the CDCR 2154.

If the VCP determines a personally owned vest and/or cover used by an employee (who would normally be issued for regular use a CDCR owned vest) is not serviceable, the VCP shall inform the employee he/she is no longer authorized to wear the non-serviceable vest/cover. The VCP shall issue the employee a replacement CDCR owned vest and/or cover(s). The VCP shall note this fact on the CDCR 2155 and provide the employee with a signed copy of the CDCR 2154. The employee may acquire another personally owned vest and/or cover at his/her expense to replace the disapproved vest and/or cover.

If the VCP determines that a personally owned vest and/or cover used by an employee not mandated to wear a vest and/or cover is no longer serviceable, the employee shall be informed that he/she is no longer authorized to wear that personally owned vest and/or cover. The VCP shall note this fact on the CDCR 2154 and provide the employee with a signed copy of this form. The employee may acquire another personally owned vest and/or cover at his/her expense to replace the disapproved vest and/or cover.

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In the event an employee who has been issued a CDCR owned vest/cover or who has purchased a personally owned vest/cover transfers to or is placed at a different CDCR institution/division/facility/unit, he/she shall be allowed to take his/her CDCR owned vest and/or cover(s) or personally owned vest and/or cover(s) with him/her. The affected VCP shall ensure all CDCR procedures regarding property transfer are used to track the transfer of such vests and/or covers. The sending VCP shall ensure the receiving VCP receives a copy of the CDCR 2155 and/or CDCR 2154 related to that employee's vest.

In the event an employee who has been issued a CDCR owned vest/cover transfers to or is placed at a CDCR institution/division/facility/unit where vest wear is not regularly required (i.e. Headquarters) or if a different type of vest (combination vest or ballistic vest) will be issued to the transferring employee by the receiving unit, the VCP shall ensure the transferring employee's CDCR owned vest and/or cover is confiscated and, if the vest and/or covers are serviceable, that they are placed into the sending institution's/division's/facility's/unit's Standby Vest Pool or are appropriately used as deemed necessary by the VCP or CDCR VCP.

The VCP, under the guidance of the institution/division/facility head, shall issue a vest from the Standby Vest Pool to an employee who undergoes any significant body shape change or weight change that would render his/her issued vest ineffective. If the employee's originally issued vest is serviceable, it will be placed into the Standby Vest Pool or be used appropriately as deemed necessary by the VCP or CDCR VCP.

In the event an employee that has been issued a CDCR owned protective vest retires, resigns, or otherwise separates from the CDCR, the CDCR owned vest and/or covers shall be surrendered to the VCP during the check out process. If the employee's vest is serviceable, it will be placed into the Standby Vest Pool or be used appropriately as deemed necessary by the VCP or CDCR VCP.

Vest inventories shall be facilitated via the use of the CDCR 2154 and 2155. The VCP shall maintain the CDCR 2154 and 2155 for the duration of use of each vest and for three years after the disposal of each vest.

The CDCR VCP shall work in coordination with the institution/division/facility/unit VCPs to maintain an accurate CDCR protective vest inventory. The CDCR VCP shall ensure that excess protective vest inventories at any CDCR site are identified and, if required, transferred to another site that might need these protective vest resources before any supplemental protective vest purchase is initiated.

Replacement

Replacement of the CDCR protective vest panels and covers shall be accomplished as follows:

Vest covers shall be replaced by the institution/division/facility/unit when the covers are no longer serviceable. The VCP shall ensure that worn CDCR owned vest covers are replaced before the cover becomes unable to maintain the position of the vest panels upon the body of the wearer as designed by the manufacturer.

CDCR owned vest panels shall be replaced prior to the expiration of manufacturer's warranty period.

Personally owned vest panels shall be replaced at the employee's expense prior to the expiration of the manufacturer's warranty period. If the employee mandated to wear a vest chooses to not purchase another personally owned vest and/or cover, the VCP shall ensure this employee is issued a CDCR owned vest and/or cover.

CDCR owned or personally owned vests, panels and/or covers determined to be unserviceable due to normal wear shall be documented in the institution's/division's/facility's/unit's vest inventory program with the following information:

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- Manufacturer.
- Vest model number.
- Type and threat level (Spike III, Ballistic II, etc.).
- Serial number of vest panels. If there are different serial numbers on the front and back panel of the same vests, these shall be separately noted with a designation of “F” for the front panel and “B” for the back panel.
- Lot number.
- Manufacture date.
- Male/Female vest.
- Name of assigned staff.
- Job classification.
- Date placed into service.
- Current unit in which used.
- Type of damage sustained.
- Remedial action (disposed, etc.).

CDCR owned or personally owned vests, panels and/or covers determined to be unserviceable due to damage beyond normal wear (such as being collected for evidentiary reasons), but not due to negligence shall be documented in the institution's/division's/facility's/unit's monthly VCP inventory report with the following information:

- Manufacturer.
- Vest model number.
- Type and threat level (Spike III, Ballistic II, etc.).
- Serial number of vest panels. If there are different serial numbers on the front and back panel of the same vests, these shall be separately noted with a designation of “F” for the front panel and “B” for the back panel.
- Lot number.
- Male/Female vest.
- Name of assigned staff.
- Job classification.
- Date placed into service.
- Current unit in which used.
- Type of damage sustained.
- Brief description of circumstance and corrective action, if any.
- Remedial action (disposed, placed into evidence, etc.).

CDCR owned vests, panels, and/or covers determined to be unserviceable due to negligence, intentional destruction, lost, stolen or damaged will be reported verbally and in writing by the affected employee to the VCP by the next business day and the VCP shall issue the employee another CDCR vest/panel/cover if person is required to be personally issued a vest. The written report from the employee must include a complete statement of circumstances surrounding the incident that led to the negligence, destruction, or loss. This information shall be contained in the institution's/division's/facility's/unit's monthly VCP inventory report with the following information:

- Manufacturer.

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- Lot number.
- Male/Female vest.
- Name of assigned staff.
- Job classification.
- Date placed into service.
- Current unit in which used.
- Type of damage sustained.
- Brief description of circumstance and corrective action, if any.
- Remedial action (disciplinary action, etc.).

Lost, stolen or damaged CDCR protective vests shall be replaced in accordance with the State Administrative Manual, Section 8643; Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Property.

Disposal of protective vests/covers must be coordinated through the CDCR VCP and be accomplished in accordance with CDCR policy and other applicable regulations.

33020.16.5 Training

The CDCR VCP shall provide training to persons assigned as a VCP. A VCP cannot conduct annual vest inspections unless they have received VCP training.

Upon issuance of a CDCR owned vest and/or cover(s), the VCP shall provide On the Job training (OJT) on the wear and care of the vest. Each In-Service Training Manager/Officer or Unit Training Coordinator/Officer or Regional Training Coordinator shall establish and maintain appropriate documentation reflecting this OJT. The proof of training record shall be maintained in the employee’s training file.

If an employee chooses to purchase a personally owned vest and/or cover, the VCP shall coordinate with the IST Manager/Officer or Unit Training Coordinator/Officer the appropriate training for that employee when the VCP becomes aware of this vest.

33020.16.6 DOM Supplements

Each department/institution/division/facility/unit that has protective vests in its inventory shall establish and review annually a DOM Supplement entitled “Protective Vests” that shall include the specific Department/institution/division/facility/unit procedures for vest program management.

These might include, but are not be limited to:

- The resources required to provide protective vests for off-institution/facility duties (Medical Guarding Units, hospital coverage, transportation teams, etc.) and the procedures for issuance of these vests from the Standby Vest Pool.
- Identification of a vest storage location(s): Each institution/division/facility/unit shall designate a location for their Standby Vest Pool. Each location:
 - Shall prevent inmate, ward, or parolee access to vest panels.

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- Should be climate controlled, not be subject to extreme high or low temperatures or excessive humidity, and should allow for vest storage in accordance with the manufacturer's wear and care recommendations.
- Designation of a VCP by position title and number.
- Procedures for conducting inventories.
- Procedures for procurement and replacement of vests and/or covers, as required. Replacement must occur before the manufacturer's warranty expiration date.
- The procedures and requirements for using the CDCR 2154.
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- Mandatory wear provisions that exceed the requirements of DOM Section 33020.16.2.
- Standby Vest Pool management, issuance, and return procedures. These shall include the specific procedures for cleaning and care, including:
 - The designation of an employee, by duty assignment, to be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the Standby Vest Pool vest panels and covers.
 - Provisions to ensure that the Standby Vest Pool vest panels are cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and without inmate/ward/parolee contact. Vest covers can be laundered by inmates/ward/parolees with appropriate supervision.
- A detailed schedule for cleaning Standby Vest Pool components (cover and panels). In Standby Vest Pool situations, protective vests that have been worn shall be cleaned at least weekly. Protective vests shall be cleaned before they are reissued if they are contaminated. This may require the acquisition of extra covers to facilitate the required cleaning.
- Specific identification of a contracted cleaner if there are not resources available at the respective site to facilitate protective vest cleaning in accordance with this section. This should also include the required inventory process (including transport to and from the cleaner) to ensure accountability. Cleaning requirements might require the purchase of additional covers.

33020.16.7 Revisions

The Assistant Secretary, Office of Correctional Safety or his/her designee shall ensure that the content of this DOM Section is accurate and current.

33020.16.8 References

PC 830.10 and 832, CCR, Title 15, Division 3, Section 3291(b), California State Administrative Manual, Section 8643.